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**LOST HIS IDENTITY.**  
Mind Mystery of Which a Man in  
Denver Is the Victim.  
An Event Full of Romance, Mystery  
and Extraordinary Incidents—  
Remarkable Experiences  
—Physicians baffled.

(Denver News.)  
A few nights ago an event is known to have transpired in this city which turns out to possess an interest full of romance, mystery and extraordinary incidents. A young man, whose real name is withheld, attempted suicide by morphine. He was in very good circumstances, with a young and beautiful wife and several children, and it seems hard to assign any reason for the act to those who did not know his history. Under strict promise of secrecy as to names, however, the police got the main facts in the case, and they have at length come under the watchful eye of a News reporter.

Some years ago the young man whose attempt at suicide transpired alarmed his family the other evening was one of the parties injured in a great railroad accident in Iowa. Taken to Omaha, he was brought back to life and consciousness, but beyond a scratch marked with the initials "C. B." there seemed no way of identifying him. No other mark of identification was found in either the lining of the bag or any part of the value. It was to be presumed that the young man would, on regaining consciousness, be able to identify himself, but this did not prove to be the case. On the contrary, he was unable to tell who he was or where he came from.

His railroad ticket had been taken up and his sleeping-car ticket had evidently been left in the care of the porter. He was alive, but so far as his past life was concerned he was dead to all practical intents and purposes. In all other respects he was bright enough, and as soon as he recovered health went to work as a day laborer, and gradually getting money about came to Denver. Fortune prospered him here and in other parts of Colorado. Adopting a name of his own selection, he grew rich, and somehow never seemed to trouble himself in regard to his past life.

He fell in love with a beautiful Denver girl, and after a six months' courtship they were married. She bore to him several children. As they grew wealthier and they moved into a large house, and began to entertain people, he happened to meet one day, at one of his little social parties, a man whose face and voice attracted his attention. Soon after the gentleman's visit to his house ceased unaccountably, and the young man rather worried himself over the circumstance, but soon forgot it in the press of other matters.

Some six months ago the young man having a business engagement started for Chicago. Arriving in that city he happened to meet the very man who had called at his house in Denver. The man called on him at his hotel and was asked why he was living in Denver under a false name, telling him his real name and revealing to him the fact that a young girl to whom the young man had been engaged in the state had recently died broken-hearted with watching and waiting for tidings of a lover that came not. His parents, too, both died, and the old farm where he had formerly lived was made the subject of much litigation. The young man slowly awoke to what he had been and returned to New York state, where he recovered and put in shape the old homestead, but he felt that his family required his presence and again he returned to Denver. But here the memory of his past life returned so vividly and the thought of the child which he had seen laid to rest in his life worried him so much that he could scarcely rest or sleep.

But remarkable as has been his experience, a more remarkable one was to follow. He was recently thrown from his buggy in a runaway accident and since that time he has lost consciousness of his past life. He was found one night not long ago to have left the city for the east. Detectives were set on his trail and he was brought back. In this city he still denies that his wife or children belong to him and declares that he will go back to his old love, who waits for him in the east. His explanation is unavailing, and it is feared that the last accident he met with deprived him of reason. His melancholy attempt at suicide strengthens this belief. Some of his physicians, however, believe that if his brain, already put to so much tension, is strong enough, an operation may be performed on it which may restore his mental balance. An intense mental shock is, however, more to be desired, and in some way or other this mysterious case of mental disease may yet find a satisfactory remedy.

**Patti and Nicolini.**  
(South Wales Letter.)

Miss Patti and Signor Nicolini live close by so that the young people's gossip has more than a local interest.  
"Miss Patti is very good to the poor," says one, "but she goes rather a shock the other day. Going through the village to the station, she noticed a pretty little child and brought it a present from Swansea. She did this two or three times, bringing it boys and always kissing it. Somebody put the child up to the chance of making a good thing out of Patti's kindness. 'What shall I bring you from Swansea?' Patti asked. 'A gold watch and chain,' was the little one's prompt reply. Patti immediately got into her carriage and drove away, and she takes no more notice of the precious young cub."

Says another: "But she is awfully jolly. Patti, and everybody likes her. She has furnished one of the rooms at the village inn and goes there sometimes and has tea with Nicolini; and she has painted a picture and given it to the landlord of the inn. And one day when some of the villagers went up and serenaded her she had them all into the castle and sang to them. But it is great to see Nicolini go out to shoot the pheasants. You know the pictures of the Frenchmen when they sail forth 'pour le sport,' all in green, and with leggings and pouches, and a feather in their hats, all got up, you know, as they are for the chase in the Italian opera. Well, that is Nicolini, and Miss Patti watches him from the castle window and thinks him no end of a card! It is a great lark, though nobody pretends it is, of course, and it is the same when he goes out fishing."

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